

~~"The Road to Nowhere"~~

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"ACROSS THE DIVIDE"

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SYNOPSIS OF THE STORY

Wallace Layson, without knowledge of who he really was, had been brought up by Buck, a half breed, in whose care the boy had been left when a baby by his mother, who, on her deathbed, implored the half breed to protect her son from his cruel father.

On his twenty-first birthday the Kid would inherit a large ranch. As Buck feared, on that day Kenneth Layson wandered back to Lone Center, prepared to use every trick to secure his son's fortune. Layson put Rosa, a dance hall girl, up to marrying the Kid. Rosa, piqued over the neglect of Dago, whom she loved, agreed.

Buck learned of the plot and tried a couple of tricks of his own. He laid a trap that put the Kid in his power, and then forced the boy to his will. Buck told the Kid that the real heir had died and that he must be a fake heir. The Kid hated the deception, especially after he got back to the ranch, and Helen, whom he loved. He finally told Buck that he was through with the crooked stuff.

Buck said he would clear him if the Kid would throw Rosa down. The Kid did, and then Buck told them both of his trick. He told the Kid that he was really Wallace Layson and that he need never fear his father-- he would never return.

After he had patched up the love affairs of the Kid and Helen, and Rosa and Dago, Buck turned his horse's head toward the setting sun and went down the Road to Nowhere and out of the life of the Kid, who never knew that the half breed was really his half brother.

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